Consumer Price Index Numbers

1599. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the annual average Consumer Price Index Number (general) for industrial workers (Base 1982 = 100) in 2003, 2004 and 2005, separately; and

(b) the corresponding increase in wages for workers in the organized and the unorganized sectors, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The All-India annual average Consumer Price Index Numbers for industrial workers (Base 1982 = 100) in 2003, 2004 and 2005 are 496, 514 and 536 respectively.

(b) The wages for workers in the organized and the unorganized sectors for the country as a whole on a time period basis are not maintained. However, on the basis of quinquennial survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation during 2004-05, the average wage/ salary earnings per person (in the age group of 15-59 years) received by regular wage/salaried employees (as in approximation for organised sector workers) and by the casual wage labourers (as an approximation for unorganised sector workers) for the country as a whole is estimated to be Rs. 169.23 and Rs. 53.84 per day respectively.

Problem in rehabilitation of child labourers

1600. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of the notification issued recently prohibiting the child labour completed in the country, Government are facing problem of rehabilitation for these children;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has called a meeting of the concerned States, to whom these children belong; and

(c) whether Government have agreed to provide help and assistance for rehabilitating these children and has given direction to State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, as the State Governments are the "appropriate" Governments for implementation of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 in their respective areas, they have been advised for taking all appropriate measures for effective implementation of this notification. In this connection, the then Union Labour Minister had written to all the Chief Ministers and the Union Labour Secretary had also taken up this issue with the Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/UTs. Government of India has also held consultations with the State Governments, NGOs, and other stake holders, at Zonal level all over the country during the months of September and October 2006, before the ban became effective. During these Zonal Conferences, the State Govenments discussed their respective action plans for affecting the ban and for the rehabilitation of these children.

Government is already implementing the National Child Labour Scheme in 250 districts of 20 States in the country for the rehabilitation of working children. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work are provided education, nutrition, vocational training, stipend and health care etc.

Education and rehabilitation of child labour

1601. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of Bihar and Maharashtra have submitted proposals for Education and Rehabilitation of child labour during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of child labour to be covered and the amount of funds required for this and the amount sanctioned by Government, during the same period?